

EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR CONSTRUCTION TO COMMENCE ON A HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT IN ALASKA

The bill (S. 2243) to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, was considered, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2243

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT.

Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 11480, the Commission may, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project for 3 consecutive 2-year periods beyond the date that is 4 years after the date of issuance of the license.

CARPINTERIA AND MONTECITO WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS CONVEYANCE OF 2003

The bill (H.R. 1648), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY WATER RECYCLING ACT OF 2003

The bill (H.R. 1732), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

AMENDMENT TO THE RECLAMATION PROJECT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1972

The bill (H.R. 3209), to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

NATIONAL AVIATION HERITAGE AREA ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 180) to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, and for other purposes, which had been reported from

the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

(Strike the part shown in black brackets and insert the part shown in italic.)

S. 180

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

['TITLE I—NATIONAL AVIATION HERITAGE AREA

[SECTION 101. SHORT TITLE.

[This title may be cited as the "National Aviation Heritage Area Act".

[SEC. 102. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

[(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

[(1) Few technological advances have transformed the world or our Nation's economy, society, culture, and national character as the development of powered flight.

[(2) The industrial, cultural, and natural heritage legacies of the aviation and aerospace industry in the State of Ohio are nationally significant.

[(3) Dayton, Ohio, and other defined areas where the development of the airplane and aerospace technology established our Nation's leadership in both civil and military aeronautics and astronautics set the foundation for the 20th Century to be an American Century.

[(4) Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, is the birthplace, the home, and an integral part of the future of aerospace.

[(5) The economic strength of our Nation is connected integrally to the vitality of the aviation and aerospace industry, which is responsible for an estimated 11,200,000 American jobs.

[(6) The industrial and cultural heritage of the aviation and aerospace industry in the State of Ohio includes the social history and living cultural traditions of several generations.

[(7) The Department of the Interior is responsible for protecting and interpreting the Nation's cultural and historic resources, and there are significant examples of these resources within Ohio to merit the involvement of the Federal Government to develop programs and projects in cooperation with the Aviation Heritage Foundation, Incorporated, the State of Ohio, and other local and governmental entities to adequately conserve, protect, and interpret this heritage for the educational and recreational benefit of this and future generations of Americans, while providing opportunities for education and revitalization.

[(8) Since the enactment of the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-419), partnerships among the Federal, State, and local governments and the private sector have greatly assisted the development and preservation of the historic aviation resources in the Miami Valley.

[(9) An aviation heritage area centered in Southwest Ohio is a suitable and feasible management option to increase collaboration, promote heritage tourism, and build on the established partnerships among Ohio's historic aviation resources and related sites.

[(10) A critical level of collaboration among the historic aviation resources in Southwest Ohio cannot be achieved without a congressionally established national heritage area and the support of the National Park Service and other Federal agencies which own significant historic aviation-related sites in Ohio.

[(11) The Aviation Heritage Foundation, Incorporated, would be an appropriate management entity to oversee the development of the National Aviation Heritage Area.

[(12) Five National Park Service and Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission studies and planning documents "Study of Alternatives: Dayton's Aviation Heritage", "Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park Suitability/Feasibility Study", "Dayton Aviation Heritage General Management Plan", "Dayton Historic Resources Preservation and Development Plan", and Heritage Area Concept Study (in progress) demonstrated that sufficient historical resources exist to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area.

[(13) With the advent of the 100th anniversary of the first powered flight in 2003, it is recognized that the preservation of properties nationally significant in the history of aviation is an important goal for the future education of Americans.

[(14) Local governments, the State of Ohio, and private sector interests have embraced the heritage area concept and desire to enter into a partnership with the Federal Government to preserve, protect, and develop the Heritage Area for public benefit.

[(15) The National Aviation Heritage Area would complement and enhance the aviation-related resources within the National Park Service, especially the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, Ohio.

[(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to establish the Heritage Area to—

[(1) encourage and facilitate collaboration among the facilities, sites, organizations, governmental entities, and educational institutions within the Heritage Area to promote heritage tourism and to develop educational and cultural programs for the public;

[(2) preserve and interpret for the educational and inspirational benefit of present and future generations the unique and significant contributions to our national heritage of certain historic and cultural lands, structures, facilities, and sites within the National Aviation Heritage Area;

[(3) encourage within the National Aviation Heritage Area a broad range of economic opportunities enhancing the quality of life for present and future generations;

[(4) provide a management framework to assist the State of Ohio, its political subdivisions, other areas, and private organizations, or combinations thereof, in preparing and implementing an integrated Management Plan to conserve their aviation heritage and in developing policies and programs that will preserve, enhance, and interpret the cultural, historical, natural, recreation, and scenic resources of the Heritage Area; and

[(5) authorize the Secretary to provide financial and technical assistance to the State of Ohio, its political subdivisions, and private organizations, or combinations thereof, in preparing and implementing the private Management Plan.

[SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.

[For purposes of this title:

[(1) BOARD.—The term "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

[(2) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The term "financial assistance" means funds appropriated by Congress and made available to the management entity for the purpose of preparing and implementing the Management Plan.

[(3) HERITAGE AREA.—The term "Heritage Area" means the National Aviation Heritage Area established by section 4 to receive, distribute, and account for Federal funds appropriated for the purpose of this title.

[(4) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term "Management Plan" means the management plan for the Heritage Area developed under section 106.

[(5) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The term "management entity" means the Aviation